

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An electronic camera ~~which records, by separately~~
~~compressing, a plurality of screens of image signals to a recording medium, comprising:~~
~~an image sensor for outputting camera signals of a subject at a predetermined time~~
~~interval;~~
~~an imaging device for periodically outputting an image signal of an object;~~
~~a processor for creating said plurality of image signals from said camera signals outputted~~
~~from said image sensor~~ subjecting the image signal, outputted from said imaging device, to a
signal processing;
~~a calculator for calculating an optimal~~ a specific ~~compression ratio for~~ capable of
~~compressing a preceding one of said image signals to a target size~~ a preceding image signal,
outputted from said processor and corresponding to a preceding screen, to a specific size;
~~a compressor for compressing a current one of said image signals with said optimal~~ a
current image signal, outputted from said processor and corresponding to a current screen, using
the specific ~~compression ratio; and~~
~~a recorder for recording to said~~ a ~~recording medium said~~ a ~~plurality of screens of~~
~~compressed image signals created by said compressor.~~

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Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An electronic camera according to claim 1, wherein said calculator calculates ~~said optimal~~ the specific compression ratio based on an arbitrary compression ratio, ~~a signal size that said preceding image signal has been compressed with said arbitrary compression ratio~~ a size of the compressed image signal obtained by compressing the preceding image signal with the arbitrary compression ratio, and ~~said target~~ the specific size.

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Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An electronic camera according to claim 1, further comprising a selector for selecting one of a first recording mode to create within said recording medium a plurality of still image files ~~separately~~ respectively accommodating ~~said the~~ the plurality of screens of ~~said the~~ the compressed image signals and a second recording mode to create within said recording medium ~~one~~ a motion image file collectively accommodating ~~said the~~ the plurality of screens of compressed image signals, wherein said processor creates ~~a first resolution of an the~~ the image signal having a first resolution when ~~said the~~ the first recording mode is selected by said selector and creates a second resolution of an the image signal having a second resolution when ~~said the~~ the second recording mode is selected by said selector, and ~~said target the specific size being~~ is different between said the first recording mode and said the second recording mode.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An electronic camera according to claim 2, wherein ~~said the~~ the first resolution is higher than ~~said the~~ the second resolution, and ~~said target size in said the specific size directed to the first recording mode being is greater than said target size in said the specific size directed to the second recording mode.~~

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Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An electronic camera according to claim 3, wherein said processor ~~creates~~ imaging device outputs one screen of the image signal at a first ~~predetermined~~ interval when said the first recording mode is selected and outputs one screen of the image signal at a second ~~predetermined~~ interval when said the second recording mode is selected.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An electronic camera according to claim 5, wherein said the first ~~predetermined~~ interval is longer than said the second ~~predetermined~~ interval.
